REMARKS

A.   102(e) Rejection:

The Examiner has rejected claim 15 under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by LaStrange et al. (US 6,148,298).

LaStrange et al. describes a method by which a "provider grabber" using an adapter (software wrapper) must be written uniquely for each data source to enable access to the data sources. Furthermore, a provided grabber generally only enables requests for a predefined set of data values. Any new set of data values requested would require a new provider grabber to be written. In addition, LaStrange describes only access to Web pages. Applicant describes one embodiment wherein a single piece of software that can query multiple structured databases without modifying any software. La Strange also employs a fuzzy matcher for a specific insurance domain instead of generic domains. His software must be rewritten for other domains. Applicants' aggregation algorithm may operate for any domain.

B.   As requested by the Examiner, Applicant respectfully submits the attached amendments to claims 1, 22 and 24 and has canceled claims 16-21 and 23. Such amendments should overcome the previous rejections and place claims 1-15, 22 and 24 in order for Allowance.

C.   Conclusion:

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application is believed warranted. If the Examiner believers, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution toward allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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